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Folks -

I would just like to express my displeasure with the proposed settlement with microsoft. I oppose it because it does not specifically address the issue of 'free' software and volunteer development. If there is no specific language validating volunteer software developers I believe Microsoft will use a 'viable business' requirement to exclude these people from developing useful software.

As a small business owner, I am unable to afford many of the products that microsoft sells - it comes directly off of my bottom line. Please modify this settlement to insure the rights of volunteer developers to create and release compatible software.

Thank you for your time.

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